



Docket No.: 20722 US1 (C038435/0175476)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Beat FLÜHMANN *et al.*) Examiner: K. E. Weddington
Serial No.: 10/766,118) Art Unit: 1614
Filed: January 27, 2004)
For: **PHYTANIC ACID DERIVATIVE**)
COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF)
TREATING AND/OR PREVENTING)
DIABETES MELLITUS)

New York, New York
July 29, 2005

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2005 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before August 1, 2005. 37 CFR §§ 1.8, and 1.136. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: July 29, 2005

Reply to Office Action Dated: March 1, 2005

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 5 of this paper.